(b) the allocation of kerosene made to Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and whether this allocation is being made on the basis of the population.

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Madhdya Pradesh to enhance monthly quota of kerosene in view of shortage of electricity in the State; and

(d) if so, whether Government would take any action in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) After the formation of Chhattisgarh State during November, 2000, Kerosene allocation of the undivided Madhya Pradesh State was bifurcated between Chhattisgarh and the present State of Madhya Pradesh. Subsequent reduction in kerosene allocation to the present State of Madhya Pradesh has been in accordance with the policy adopted to reduce allocation taking into account number of LPG connections released in each of the State/ Union Territory (UT) during a particular period.

(b) 685182 Metric Tonnes (MTs) during 2000-2001, 511168 MTs and 497726 MTs of kerosene was allocated for the State of Madhya Pradesh during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively. These allocations were made as per the policy adopted by the Government and not made based on the population.

(c) Yes, Sir. A request was received from Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding enhancement of monthly quota of SKO.

(d) In view of prevailing policy of reducing SKO allocation taking into account number of LPG connections released in each of the State/UT, the request of Madhya Pradesh could not be accepted to.

Dual Price System for Kerosene

†2948. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that two rates have been fixed to collect excise duty on kerosene oil;

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(b) if so, the basis on which price determination made; and

(c) the reason for fixing two rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The selling price of PDS Kerosene is subsidized while that of Kerosene sold under Parallel Market Scheme is determined on commercial consideration. The excise duty rate is uniform at 16 percent on both the products.

Annual average price of petroleum products

†2949. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that average Annual price of petrol, diesel and L.P.G. has been determined at Rs. 12636.88, Rs. 12712.40 and Rs. 11932.00 per ton, respectively to recover the excise duty for the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for variation in the prices of above mentioned products; and

(d) the details of other expenses included in the price of LPG, apart from the actual cost of its production, alongwith the details of the rates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The annual average assessable value for petrol, diesel and LPG for the year 2002-03 for computation of excise duty was Rs. 12,636.88/KL, Rs. 12712.40/KL and Rs. 11,932/MT respectively.

(c) While, the variation in the domestic consumer prices of petrol and diesel was on account of variation in the international prices of these products, the prices of Domestic LPG were not revised during

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